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COAL
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COMPENSATION PACKAGE TO THE FAMILIES DECEASED MINERS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal India Limited (CIL) has raised/revised the compensation package for its miners and their families in case of death caused due to mine mishaps;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether adequate safety measures still not being adopted in various coal mines; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA)

(a) & (b): The following compensations in case of death caused due to mine accidents are being paid to the families of deceased workers of CIL:

(i) compensation under Workmen`s Compensation Act

(ii) Rs. 40,000/- under Life Cover Scheme and

(iii) an ex-gratia of Rs. 30,000/-

(iv) offer of employment to the eligible kin of the deceased.

Further, CIL Board has approved the payment of Special Relief/Ex-gratia of Rs. 5 lakhs to the direct dependant of employee who dies or to the employee who becomes permanently disabled in any Mine Accident arising out of and in the course of employment.

In case of any disaster or any other mine accidents, where there is any special announcement for paying relief from CIL`s fund,in that case, the amount of Special Relief/Ex-gratia shall be the difference between the announced amount and Rs. 5 lakhs.In any case the amount of Special Relief/Ex-gratia paid by CIL shall be limited to Rs. 5 lakhs only.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. Adequate measures for safety are already being adopted as required under statute in all mines of CIL.